



Hello from Darwin,



Well transition and change seem to be the continuing theme throughout our newsletters this year. This time we write to you from Darwin, as we have a time of rest before heading to Timor Leste. After many goodbyes and lots of packing, this is a much needed time for us to stop, rest, reflect and get ready for our next move.



We have been saying goodbyes now for more than a month, which has been nice to be able to process the change and reflect upon the importance individuals and places have been to us over the past four years. Moving into Gove for the last two weeks in Arnhem Land, allowed us some extra time with MAF friends in town, which was very special for us.

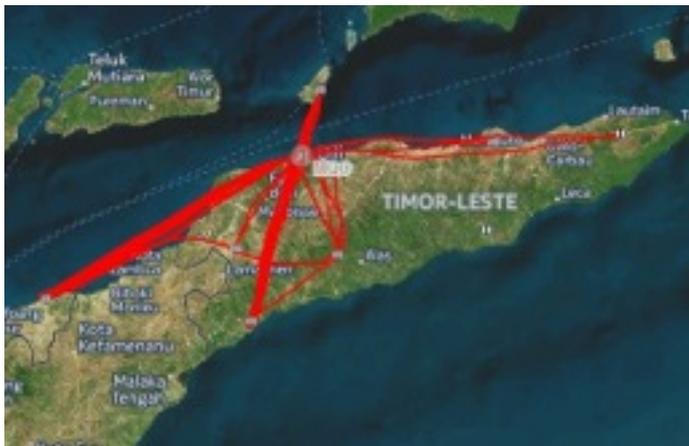


We have seen many answers to prayer in the last few weeks which we are praising God for! Dora, our dog, was adopted by another MAF family and so is now living happily at Millingimbi, with three fun kids to enjoy. Kim was able to have a medical procedure performed which ruled out serious gut issues, despite being way down the waiting list. MAF decided to keep the Youren family at Elcho island, we met them while they were visiting temporarily, which means great new team mates for the Purdey family. Jason's headset finally arrived after more than three months in maintenance. We were also able to sell our car and several other items that we were unable to take with us.

From top: Flying away from Elcho Island • Farewell from the Elcho island Church • Dora with some members of her new family • The Youren family, new to the MAF Elcho island team



Timor Leste



In recent weeks we have been learning lots about Timor Leste. We have met several people who have visited or lived there, which has helped answer many of our questions.

The aircraft tracker image above shows one MAF plane hard at work during the first two weeks of July. In 14 days, 16 Medevac flights were carried out for 21 patients. This also included transporting at least 1 patient from each of the 7 district runways MAF flies to.

MAF has decided to base two planes in Timor Leste for the foreseeable future, so there are now two GA8 air vans flying around the country providing transportation for medical emergencies, government officials and other humanitarian organisations.

We fly to Dili on the 14th of October and are excited about this new adventure, and becoming part of the Timor Leste MAF team.

Flying news

2015 has been quite a busy year for flying for me, averaging about 600 hours for a rolling year, even though Elcho Island had been reduced to one plane with two pilots. Our break in Darwin feels like a well earned break.

In May I had the chance to fly a team down to Numbulwar where they were able to give much needed encouragement to the Church there. It was also a great opportunity to catch up with our friends Roger and Dawn who were working in Numbulwar while we were living there. In the month before I stopped flying in Arnhem Land, I also had the chance to fly back to, Ngukurr, Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island (my old stomping ground). I also flew into Dhipirri (only 15 mins from Elcho) airstrip for the first time in our 4 years in Arnhem Land.

When we came to Arnhem Land in Sept. 2011, I had 245, hours in my log book. My last day flying in Arnhem Land added another 5 hours to my log book, bringing the total to 2,415.5 hours.



At the top: Two planes at work in Timor Leste • Rock formations in Arnhem Land • Jason's last day of flying in Arnhem Land. Bottom: Flying down to Numbulwar to encourage the church .



Above: Sam at play • Nancy says goodbye with a parting gift • Taking the plane into Gove with the last of our stuff .

Gratefulness

We are often overwhelmed by the kindness and support of all of you! Through four years in Arnhem Land and many years preparing before this, we have been encouraged, prayed for and loved by a team of people, most of whom we know, but some we don't. Thank you for your prayers for us. Thank you for financially supporting us. Thank you for reading our emails and updates. Thank you for your emails, Facebook messages and letters. Thank you for inviting us to visit, cooking us a meal and asking questions about our lives.



Official MAF Arnhem Land farewell
Sam's 5th birthday party



Prayer & Praise

Please join with us in prayer for..

- Being able to rest well during our time in Darwin. Pray also that we may be able to get shopping, immunisations and new glasses arranged during this time.
- MAF Arnhem Land. May they continue to boldly proclaim the light of the world as they live and fly in this area.
- Our transition to life in Timor Leste. Pray that Jason will adapt to flying in a new place quickly, while Kim and Sam adjust to life in a new country too.
- The great time we had in Queensland in June visiting supporting churches and speaking at an AMT conference there.

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